

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 (canceled).

13. (currently amended) A device comprising:

a power unit which supplies power to said device;

first means for accepting an instruction for controlling said power unit from a managing computer via a network, said instruction includes information indicating whether to turn on or off power supplied by said power unit to said device;

second means for converting said instruction into a power unit control signal,

wherein said second means controls said power unit based on said power unit control signal, and

wherein said power unit continuously supplies power to said second means,

wherein said power unit comprises:

a first power supply unit which supplies power to said device, and

a second power supply unit which supplies power to said second means for controlling said device, and

wherein said second means, upon converting said instruction into said power unit control signal, transmits said power unit control signal to said first power supply unit to perform on and off control of said device.

14. (currently amended) A device comprising:

a power unit which supplies power to said device;

first means for accepting an instruction for controlling said power unit from a managing computer via a network, said instruction includes information indicating whether to turn on or off power supplied by said power unit to said device;

second means for converting said instruction into a power unit control signal and performing control of said power unit based on said power unit control signal,

wherein said second means comprises:

means for detecting a result and state of control of said power unit for said device, and

means for transmitting said detected result and state from said detecting means to said managing computer via said network, ~~and~~

wherein said power unit continuously supplies power to said second means,

wherein said power unit comprises:

a first power supply unit which supplies power to said device, and

a second power supply unit which supplies power to said second means for controlling said device, and

wherein said second means, upon converting said instruction into said power unit control signal, transmits said power unit control signal to said first power supply unit to perform on and off control of said device.

15. (previously amended)

A device according to claim 13, further

comprising:

at least a server to be managed.

~~16.3~~ (previously amended) A device according to claim ~~13~~, wherein
said second means further comprises:

hardware of a computer to be managed.

~~17.~~ (previously amended) A device according to claim 16, further
comprising:

at least a server to be managed.

~~18.~~ (previously amended) A device according to claim ~~16~~, wherein
said second means further comprises:

a processor independent from a central processing unit of said device.

~~19.~~ (previously amended) A device according to claim ~~16~~, wherein
said second means further comprises:

a power control circuit for turning the power unit ON and OFF.

~~20.~~ (previously amended) A device according to claim ~~13~~, wherein said
device further comprises:

a central processing unit,

wherein said second means comprises:

a processor,

wherein said power unit supplies said central processing unit and said
processor of said second means with power, and

wherein said second means controls the supply of power to the central processing unit by said power unit.

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21. (previously amended) A device according to claim 20, wherein said power unit always supplies power to said processor of said second means.

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22. (previously amended) A device according to claim 20, wherein said second means comprises:

shut-down means for shutting down a program executed by said central processing unit.

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23. (previously amended) A device according to claim 22, wherein said shut-down means shuts down a program executed by said central processing unit before said second means stops said power unit from supplying power to said central processing unit.

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24. (previously added) A device according to claim 13, wherein when said instruction is a power-off instruction of said device said second means sends said power-off instruction to means which controls an operating system of said device.
